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**ST. MARYS' INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVAL IS SATURDAY IN HISTORIC ST. MARYS, GEORGIA**  
***Festival Provides All Day Entertainment, Fireworks, and a Water Show***

**ST. MARYS, Ga.,** (June 29, 2015) – Head to downtown St. Marys on Saturday, July 4 for the Kiwanis Club of St. Marys 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Independence Day Festival and join the full day celebration. This year's festival theme is "Celebrate Service, Freedom, America" and it promises to be a fun-filled patriotic day that offers vendors, a parade, entertainment, and more.

New to the festival this year is the "ICW HYDROSPORTS Water Show." There will be several jet pack water flight performances throughout the day and times are listed in the festival schedule of events.

After the parade, join the St. Marys Railroad for the "America's Birthday Express" train rides at 12, 2, and 4 p.m. Tickets are available in advance at [www.stmarysrailroad.com](http://www.stmarysrailroad.com).

The evening culminates with a fireworks display over the St. Marys River just after dark. A river cruise is available for those who want to view the show from the river. Boarding begins at 7 p.m. and tickets can be purchased at the St. Marys Welcome Center or the Kingsland Welcome Center and are \$20 per person.

\*PRE-EVENT: Friday night, 6:30 p.m., 1-Mile Kids Fun Run at St. Marys Elementary School

<b>4th of July Festival Schedule of Events</b>	
7:30 a.m.	5 K & 10 K Races Begin
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Vendors - Food Vendors Available Until 10 p.m.
9:30 a.m.	Race Awards Presentation
10 a.m.	PARADE BEGINS
11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m. & 8:20 p.m.	*NEW - St. Marys River, ICW HYDROSPORTS Water Show

<b>4th of July Festival - Entertainment Schedule</b>	
	<b>Main Stage at the St. Marys Waterfront Pavilion</b> (Demonstrations & Music with Greg Lockhart and Keith Post, Emcee's)
11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Lisa Allen's Dance Works
11 a.m.	*NEW - St. Marys River, ICW HYDROSPORTS Water Show
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Pak's Karate, Kingsland
12:30 p.m. – 1 p.m.	Haley Pitman
1 p.m.	*NEW - St. Marys River, ICW HYDROSPORTS Water Show
1 p.m. – 2 p.m.	Grimsley Martial Arts, St. Marys
2:15 p.m. – 3 p.m.	The Friese Studio
3 p.m.	*NEW - St. Marys River, ICW HYDROSPORTS Water Show
3 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Barney Panfil
4:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	Miss Rocky Boogie Time – "Rocky" & Gracie Rassi
4:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	Sisters in Step Dance Fitness – Kingsland First Baptist
5 p.m.	*NEW - St. Marys River, ICW HYDROSPORTS Water Show
5:15 p.m. – 6 p.m.	The Heirs
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.	The Friese Studio
7 p.m.	*NEW - St. Marys River, ICW HYDROSPORTS Water Show
8 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.	Grimsley Martial Arts, St. Marys
8:20 p.m.	*NEW - St. Marys River, ICW HYDROSPORTS Water Show
	<b>Amphitheater at the St. Marys Waterfront Park</b> (Praise Music with Mike Roddy, Emcee)
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.	The Pepper Shakers
3 p.m. – 4 p.m.	The Beginning
4 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Beloved
5 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Room Enough
6 p.m. – 7 p.m.	Audacity
7 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.	Ignite Worship

For festival or area visitor information contact the St. Marys Welcome Center 912-882-4000 or go to [VisitStMarys.com](http://VisitStMarys.com) or [SMKiwanis.com](http://SMKiwanis.com).

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